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[H.R. 3859, HSA Technical Corrections Act, as amended](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 3859](#), *the HSA Technical Corrections Act, as amended*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3859 was introduced on October 29, 2015 by Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) and was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, which ordered the bill reported by voice vote on November 4, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3859 makes technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act (HSA) of 2002.

BACKGROUND

Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Congress passed the HSA, the organizing document of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), “to enhance the ability of the federal government to prevent future acts of domestic terrorism.”¹ The law “marked one of the most dramatic reorganizations of the federal government in decades and introduced a number of new offices and reporting requirements.”² In the years since its passage, agencies have changed names, roles and responsibilities have shifted, and a number of the required reports have been completed. H.R. 3859 updates the HSA to ensure it more accurately reflects the current organization and mission of DHS and allows Congress to conduct more effective oversight of the Department.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing H.R. 3859 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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¹ See [House Report 114-333](#) at 2.

² Id.

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